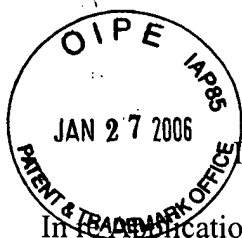


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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2005, for which the three-month date for response is February 28, 2006. Applicants note that a Request for Continued Examination and the required fee have been submitted herewith. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2088.003700.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.